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1874
(1804-1881) Benjamin DISRAELI, Earl of
Beaconsfield

An English statesman and author. Born in London. The crown of his ambition was to become premier. He attained that honor in 1868 at the resignation of Lord Derby, but at the general election, he was not returned to power. Again elected prime minister in 1874 with a strong majority, he

retained that office for 6 years. During this period he was raised to the peerage. Parliament was abruptly dissolved in 1880, and the new Parliament had an overwhelming liberal majority. Beaconsfield remained leader of the conservative party. ENDYMION, published shortly after this time, is probably the best of his literary works.